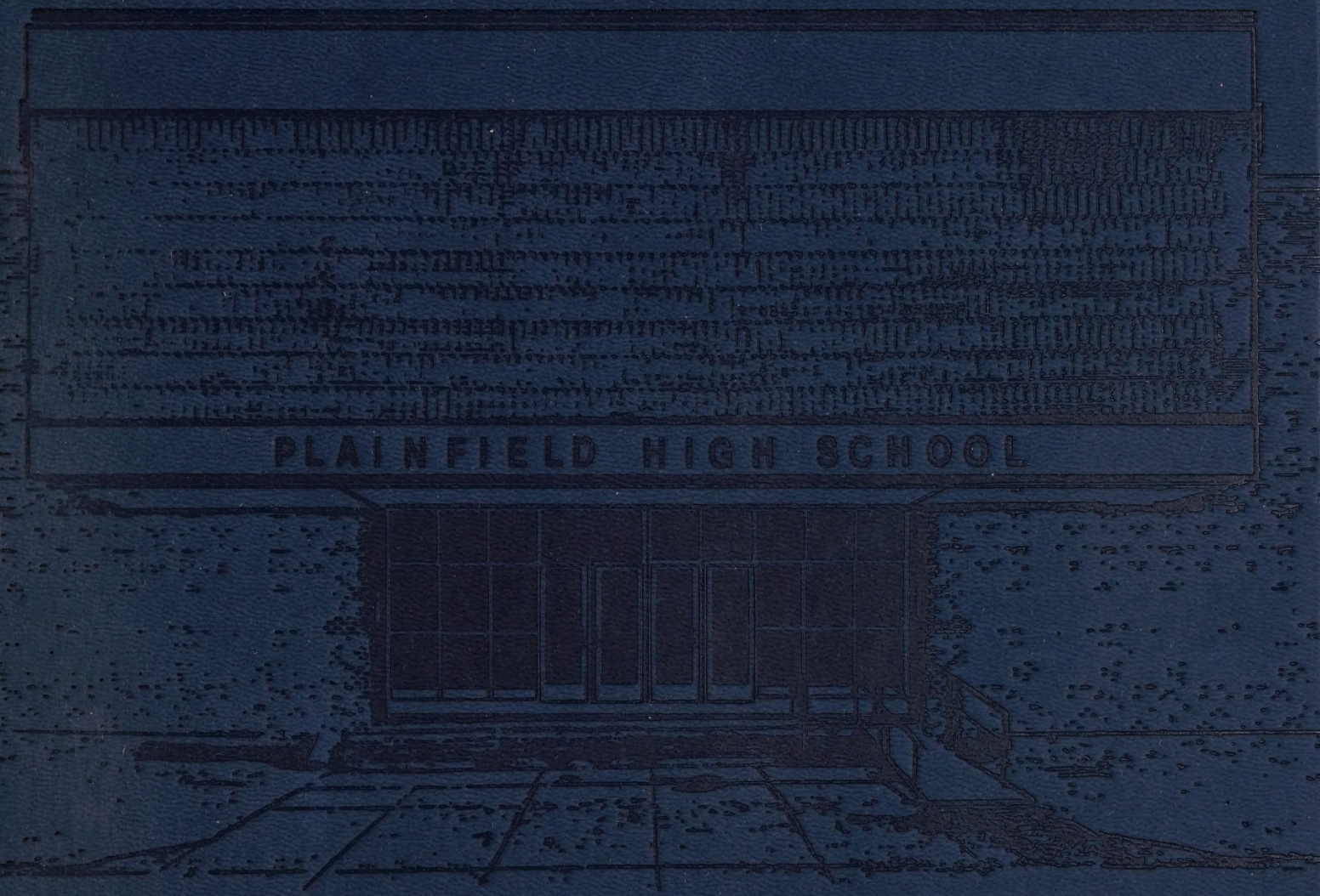

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Mr. Mark A. Williams
Acting Principal
Asst. Superintendent

Dear Class of 2023,

It is with great pride that I have this opportunity to address you in your senior yearbook. Your growth and maturity over these four years have been professionally fulfilling to observe. You embraced all tha had to offer, discovered your passions, and positively impacted those around you.

The Class of 2023 has achieved success in many diverse areas. You consistently demonstrate hard work and determination. However, though there are many attributes you display every day, there are two qualities that this class has had to demonstrate that makes all of you unique: adaptability and perseverance. These two qualities have been tested this year and when times were hard, you adapted to meet the changes and persevered when it became challenging. Whether you excel in the classroom the shop, or the lab; on stage, the court, or on the field; you have been presented with challenges and disappointment. However, instead of giving up, getting down, or becoming complacent, you adapted and persevered.

You began the 2019 – 2020 school year with enthusiasm and excitement. The weather was beautiful, classic fall in New Jersey. Then suddenly, as we were transitioning from winter to spring, the virus, COVID-19, limited our ability to interact in person and showcase our talents. You persevered but were robbed of valuable time to cultivate new relationships with students and staff.

The world and humanity will continue to change, but at an even more rapid rate moving forward. Inevitably you will experience more disappointment and challenges, it is a part of life. However, it is ou reaction to disappointment and challenge that determines the outcome and defines who we are. Therefore, I implore you to take the tools of adaptability and perseverance that you have learned so well at Plainfield High School with you to find success in your future pursuits.

General Colin Powell, a retired four-star general in the United States Army and retired United States Secretary of State said, "There are no secrets to success. It is a result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." I am certain General Colin Powell experienced disappointments and challenges however, like you, he was equipped with the tools of adaptability and perseverance to overcome them to find success.

It is now your time to impact the world and solve future challenges that we may face as a society. I loo forward to your continued success.

Best wishes Class of 2023!

Mr. Mark A. Williams

Acting Principal

Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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Superintendent's Message

To the Plainfield High School Class of 2023,

Congratulations on achieving this goal of graduating from High School, I am proud of you! Thank you for continuing to exude strength and resilience as a student. Graduation signifies an achievement of hard work and dedication of completing over twelve years of education from kindergarten to grade 12.

As you move on past high school, remember to make the best choices that will promote your success to excellence. There is a bright future for each of you.

When you leaf through these pages of your Class of 2023 Yearbook, be reminded of the memories you had throughout your time at Plainfield High School.

Moving Plainfield Public Schools Forward,

Rashon K. Hasan, Ed. S.

Superintendent of Schools

Mensaje Del Superintendente

A la Clase de 2023 de la Escuela Secundaria de Plainfield,

¡Felicitaciones por lograr esta meta de graduarse de la escuela secundaria, estoy orgulloso de ti! Gracias por continuar exudando fuerza y resiliencia como estudiante. La graduación significa un logro de arduo trabajo y dedicación de completar más de doce años de educación desde el jardín de infantes hasta el grado 12.

A medida que supere la escuela secundaria, recuerde tomar las mejores decisiones que promoverán su éxito hacia la excelencia. Hay un futuro brillante para cada uno de ustedes.

Cuando hojee estas páginas de su Anuario de la Clase de 2023, recuerde los recuerdos que tuvo durante su tiempo en Plainfield High School.

Haciendo avanzar las escuelas públicas de Plainfield,

Rashon K. Hasan, Ed. S.

Superintendente De Escuelas

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Mr. Baptiste
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Mrs. Calder
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Mr. Proano
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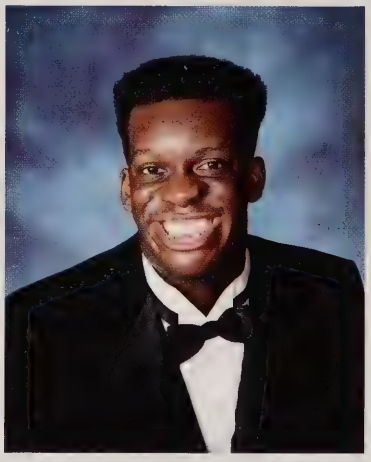

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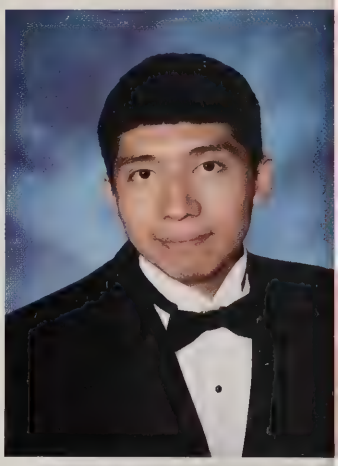

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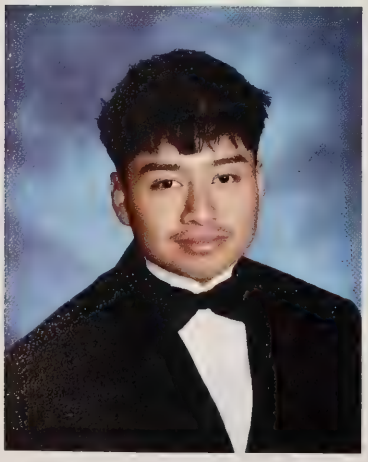

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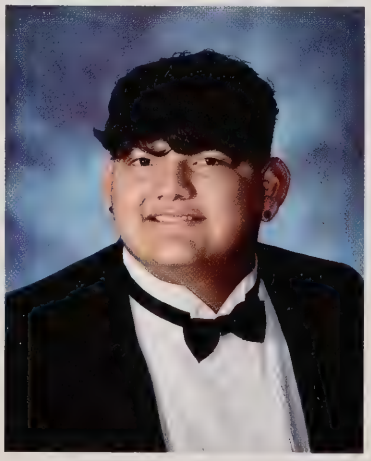

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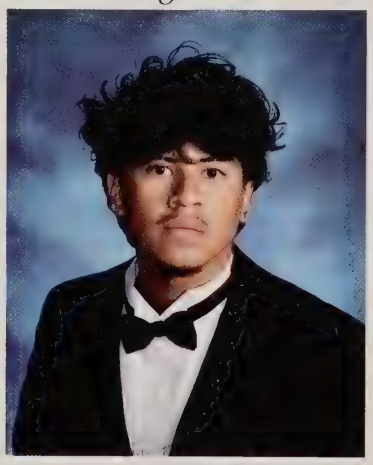

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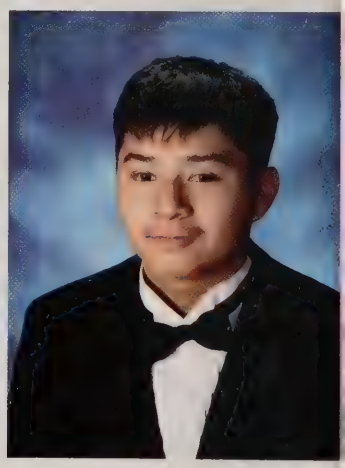

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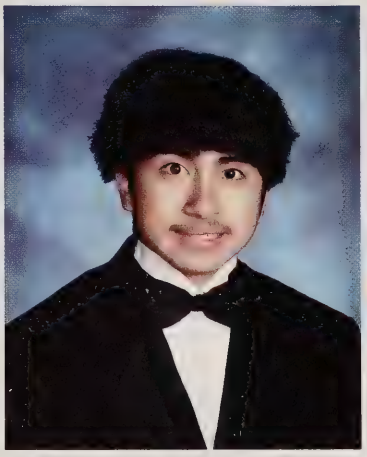

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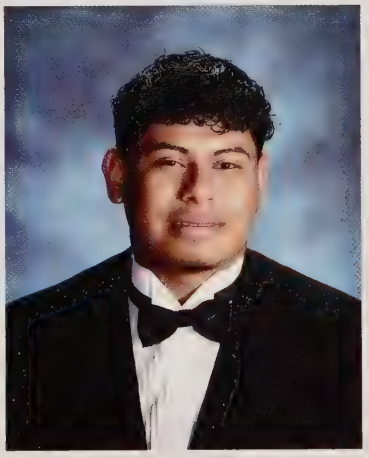

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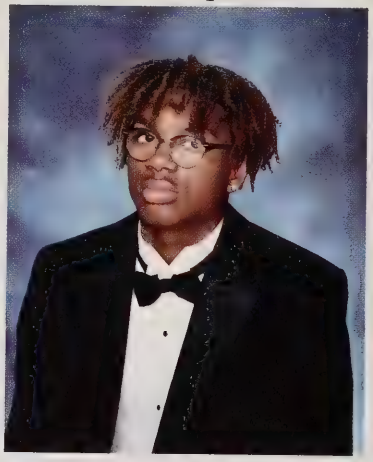

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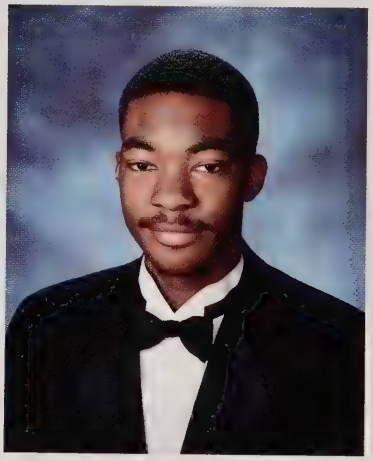

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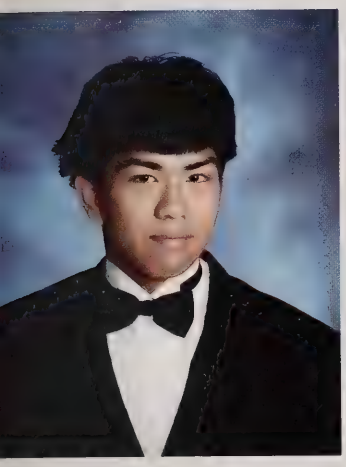

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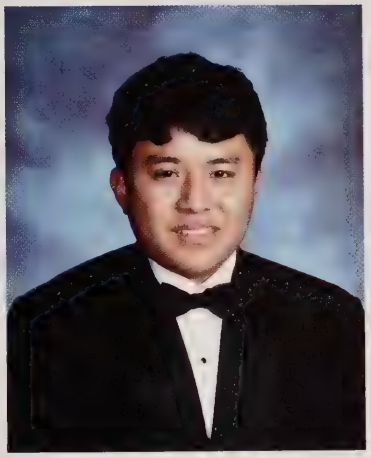

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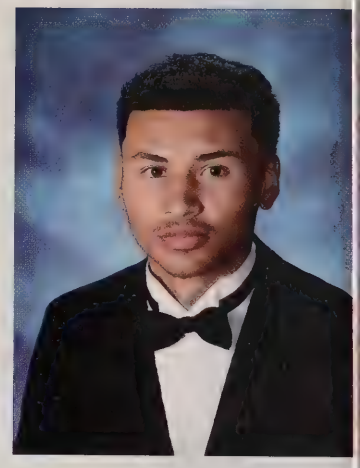

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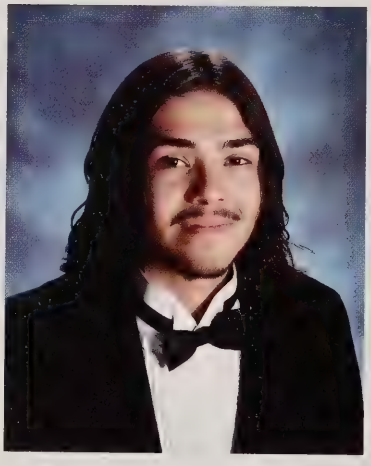

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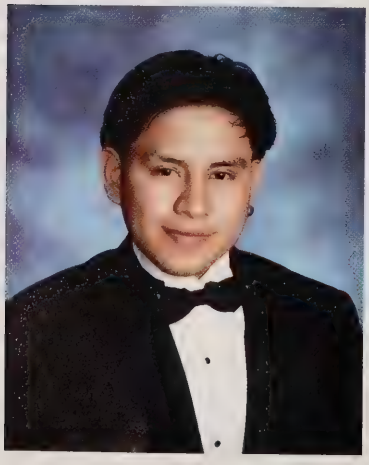

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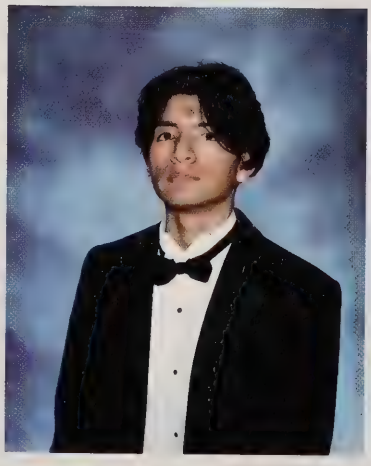

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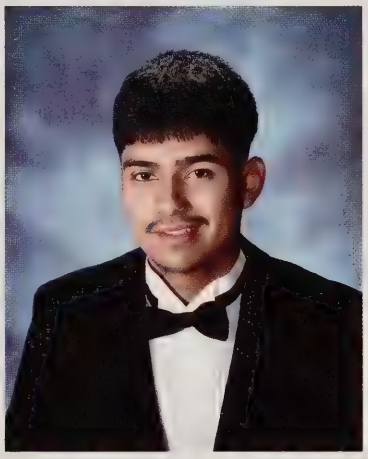

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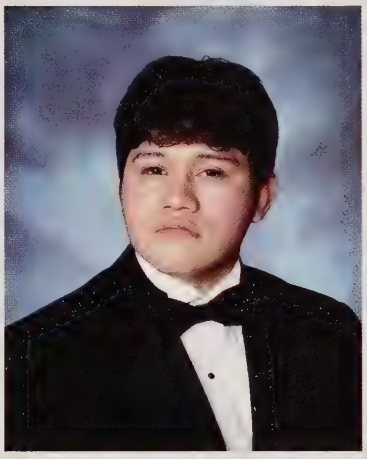

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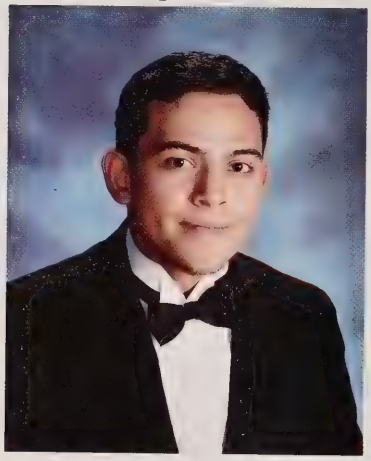

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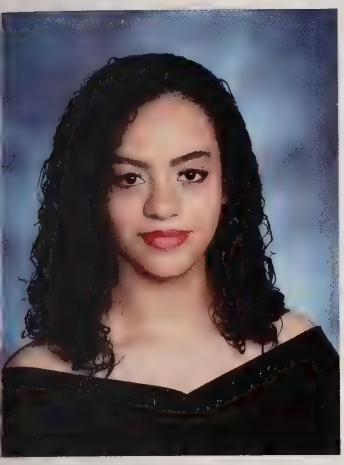

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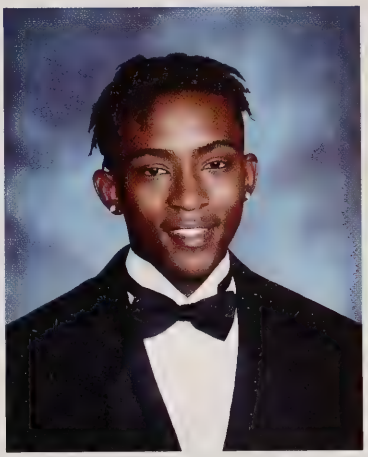

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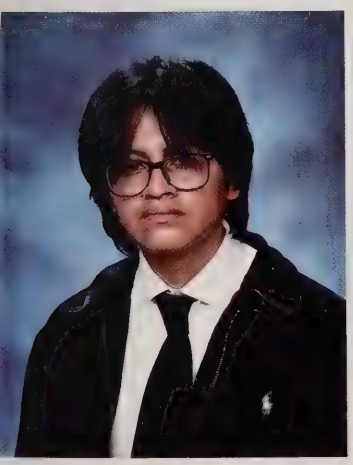

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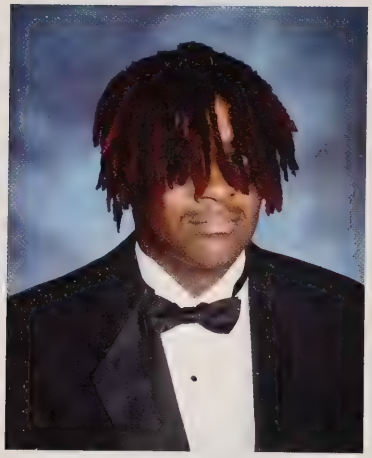

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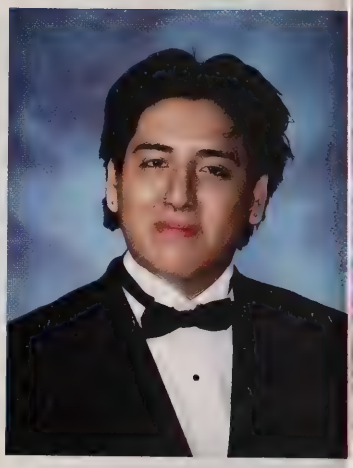

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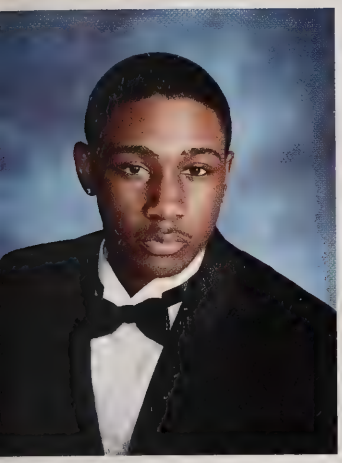

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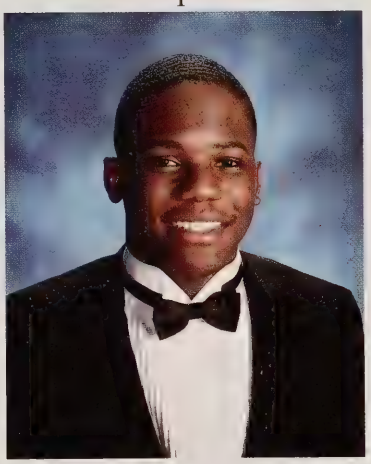

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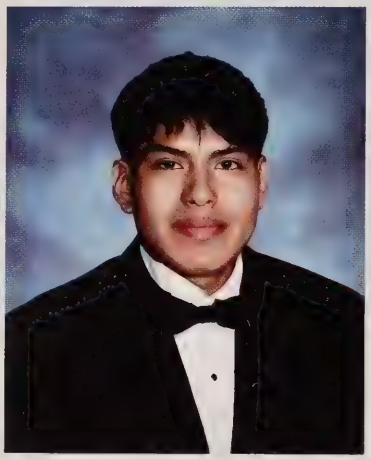

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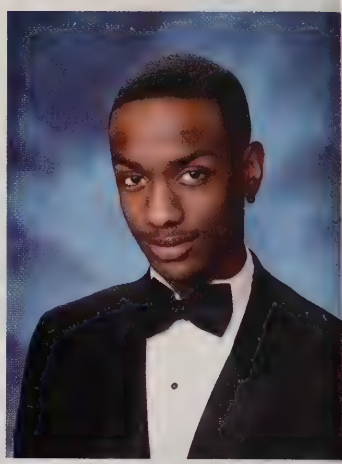

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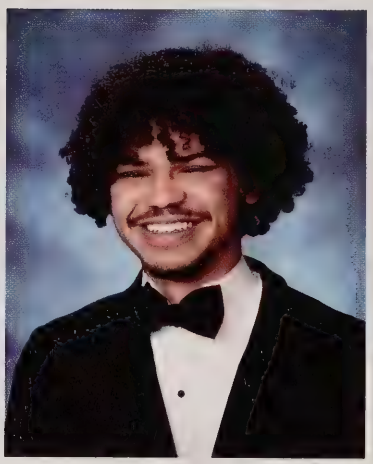

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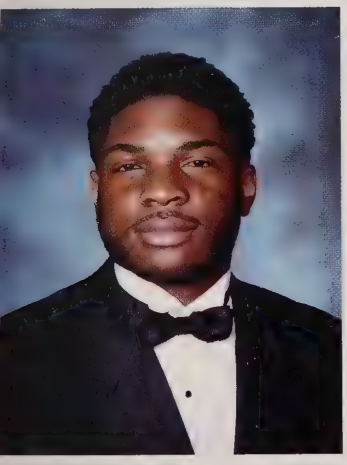

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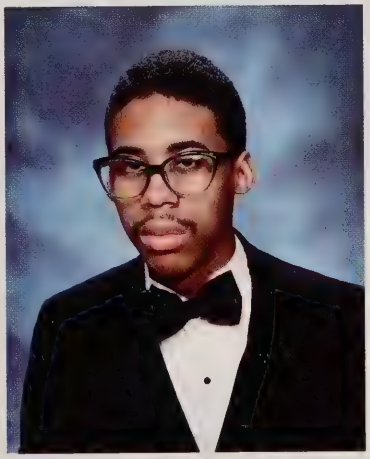

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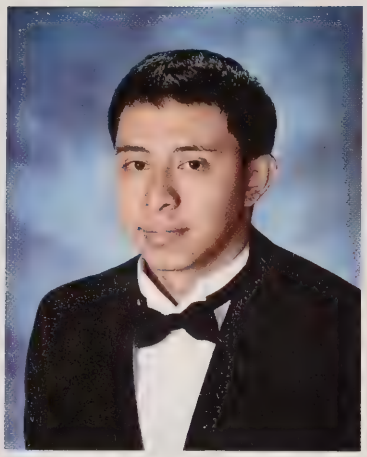

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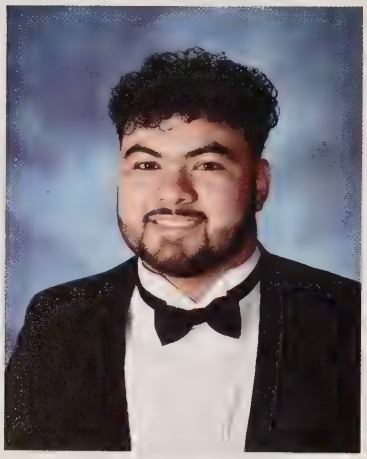

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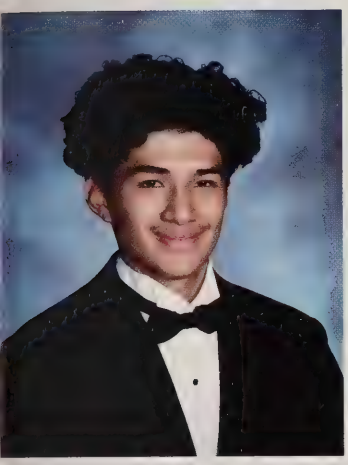

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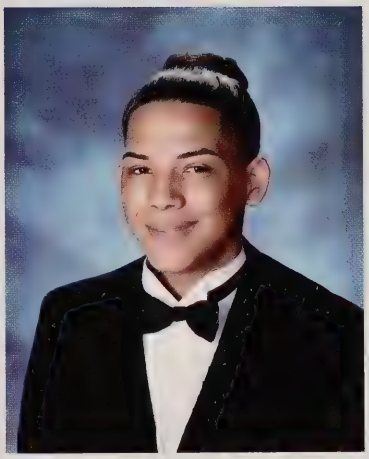

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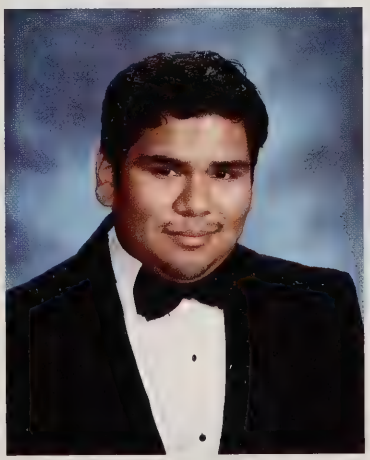

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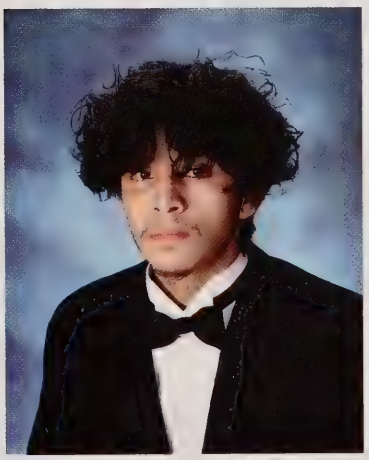

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Elsa Rosario Mejia Santos

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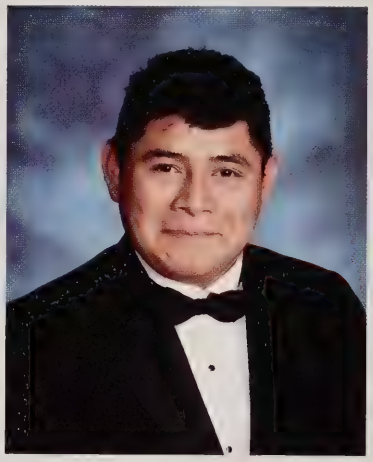

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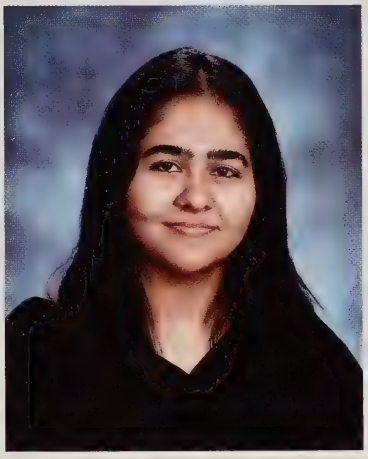

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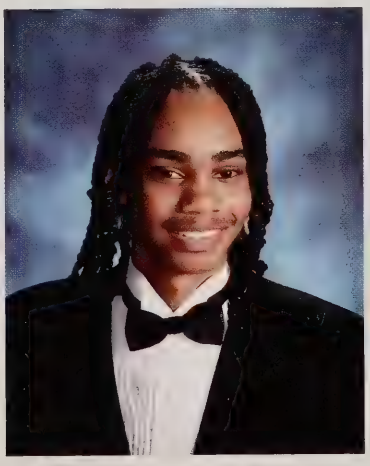

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Joseph David Ocampo Hurtado

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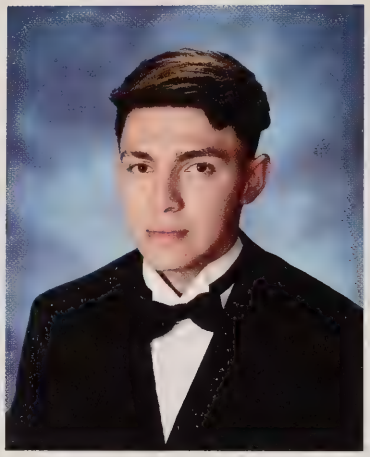

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Kehilyn Yosemer Paiz Garcia

Danny Paniagua

Keren Andrea Paredes Rosa

Abigail Estefan Paucar

Alisa Melisa Perez

Orialys Perez Baez

Hector Moises Perez Rodriguez

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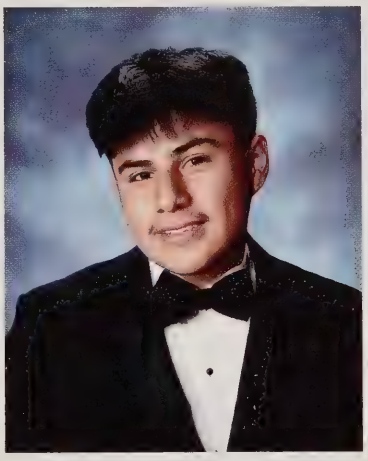

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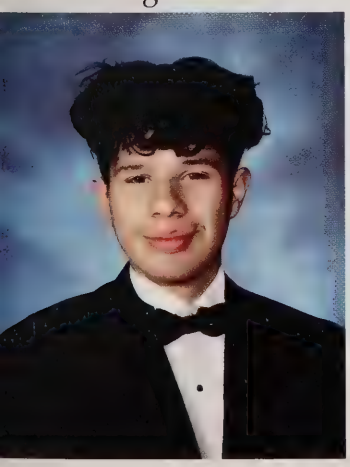

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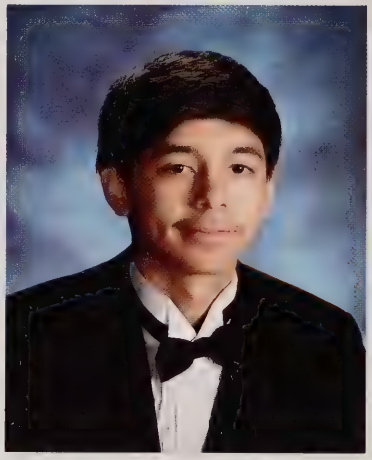

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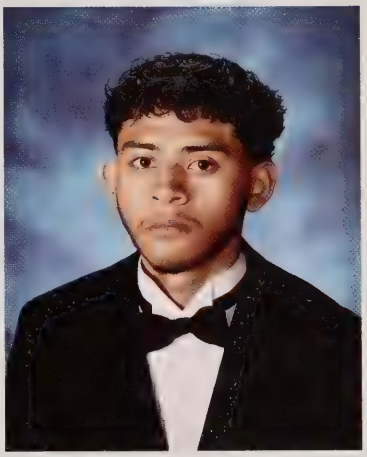

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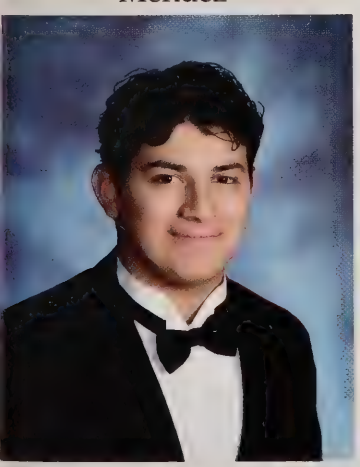

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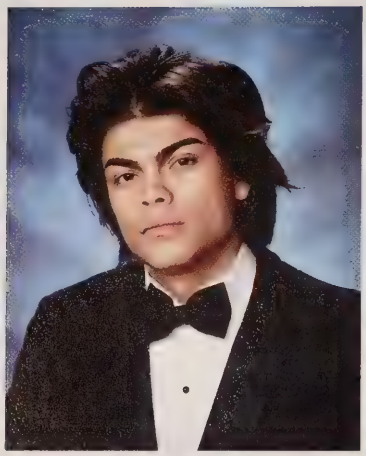

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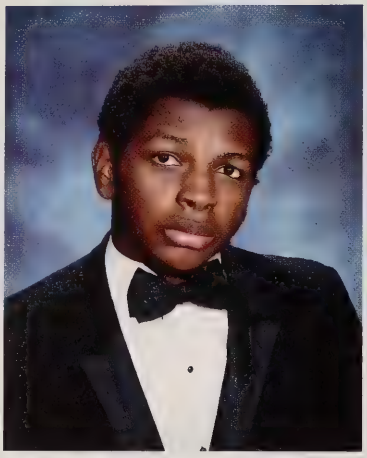

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Fredy Siguan

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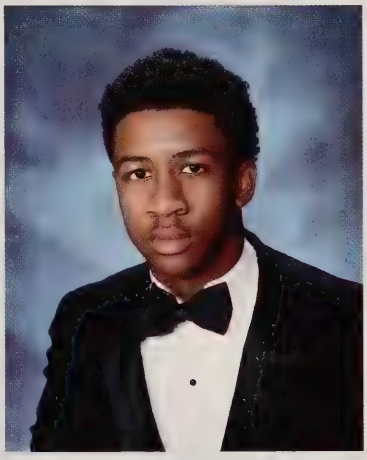

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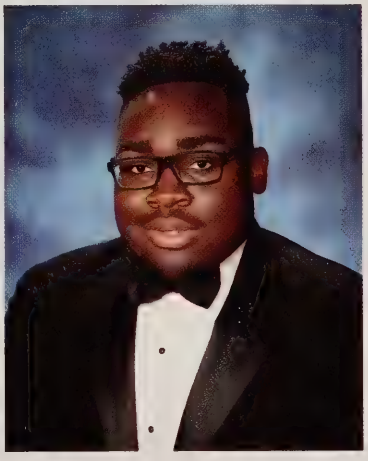

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Everlyn Daniela Toj Marroquin

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Veronica Lizeth Turis

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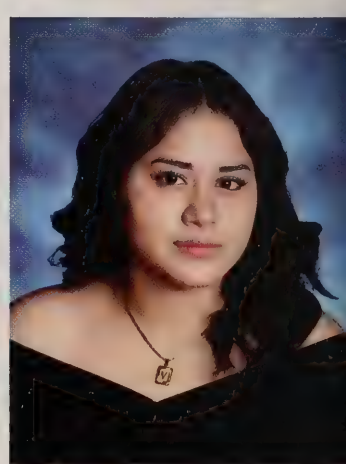

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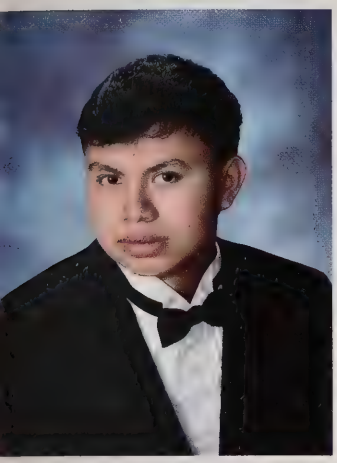

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John Paul Jr Yanez

Sulma Ruby Yanezmarquez

Kevin Daniel Zacarias Cifuentes

Noelia Yasmin Zacarias Lopez

Roselyn Jasmyn Zapata Sanchez

Plainfield High School Graduates

Catarina Zapon Ixcuna

Mirian Idalia Zuniga Acosta

Congratulations, Class of 2023

As we stand at the threshold of our high school journey's end, it is a moment to reflect upon the remarkable growth, cherished memories, and indelible experiences we have shared together. Our time here has been a mosaic of laughter, learning, triumphs, and challenges, all of which have shaped us into the extraordinary individuals we are today.

Each step we have taken, every hurdle we have conquered, has brought us closer to this pinnacle of accomplishment. We have shown resilience in the face of adversity, tenacity in pursuing our dreams, and compassion in supporting one another through thick and thin. Together, we have formed an unbreakable bond, woven with shared laughter, late-night study sessions, and the unwavering support of our incredible teachers, mentors, and families.

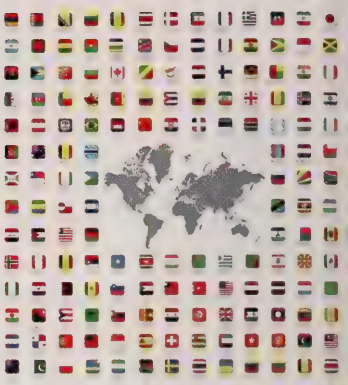
As we prepare to embark on new paths, may we carry the wisdom we have gained within the corridors of this institution. Let us remember the transformative power of knowledge, the value of embracing diversity, and the importance of kindness and empathy in a world that yearns for them. The flame of curiosity ignited here must continue to burn brightly as we explore new horizons, seeking to make a positive difference in our communities and beyond.

As we bid farewell to our beloved alma mater, let us hold onto the memories that have shaped us, the friendships that have sustained us, and the lessons that have illuminated our minds. The pages of this yearbook serve as a testament to our collective journey, preserving these cherished moments for eternity.

Lovingly,

Yearbook Staff

United Nations PHS



"Plainfield High School is a rich melting pot of many different nations and cultures. The gift of diversity is something we dearly cherish. Together we create an invincibly strong and supportive community. Our students come from all walks of life and bring with them their unique perspectives and experiences. This diversity enriches our learning environment and helps us grow as individuals and as a community. We celebrate our differences and embrace the opportunity to learn from one another." - Yearbook Staff

Halloween Movie Night at PHS

PHS students enjoy a spooky night together

PHS students enjoy a night of scary movies and succulent sweets. Movies featured include: Halloween, Halloween Kills, Halloween Ends.

Students enjoy an evening of spooky photo-shoots with friends.

Halloween movie marathon
Students watch scary movies in the PHS auditorium.

Staff vs Students Volleyball Game

PHS students and staff came together for a very entertaining volleyball game. Although the students put up a good fight, they were no match for the mighty PHS staff who won the game in dominant fashion.

MVPs:
Mr. Schaefer
Paul Alleyne

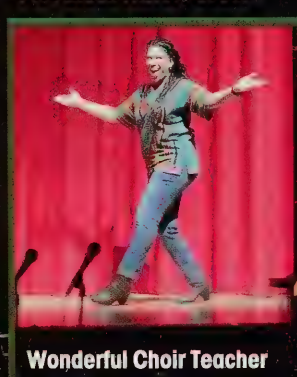
Black History Month

PHS Black History Event

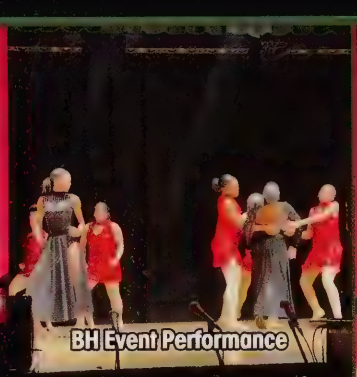
BH Month Contest

BH Event

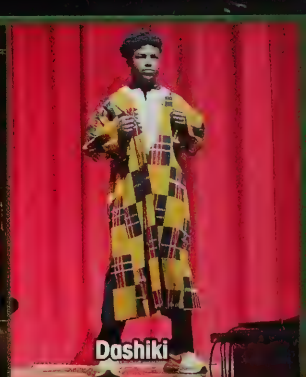
BH Event amazing acting



Wonderful Choir Teacher



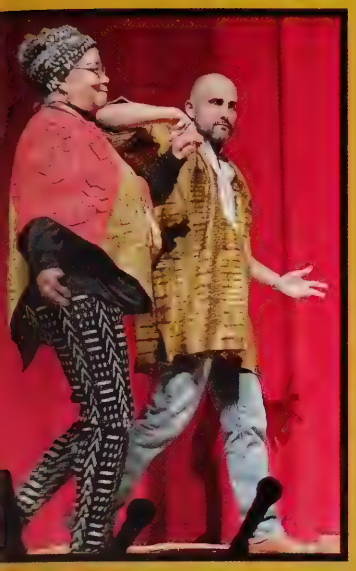
BH Event Performance



Dashiki

Mr. Turner

"The 28 days of Black History Month should serve as merely the starting point of our quest to learn more about the history of Americans from the African diaspora. And the need to highlight the extensive contributions of African-Americans to this country is as great now as it was when Carter G. Woodson created Negro History Week 97 years ago."



PHS Love

Black History Month Competition

Dr. Cox's Black History Month Presentation

PHS Black History Event

Mr. Grey- BHM Competition

Lovely PHS Staff

Black History Competition

Black History Music

Mr. Brehm and the PHS Band performed exceptionally during the Black History event.

PHS Choir

The choir displayed an incredible performance, entrancing the audience with outstanding vocals.

Senior Shout Outs!

Student Champions

Congrats!

Way to Go!

Emmanuel Babayemi
Mr. Babayemi will attend Kean University this fall 2023 to pursue a degree in Computer Science

Congrats!

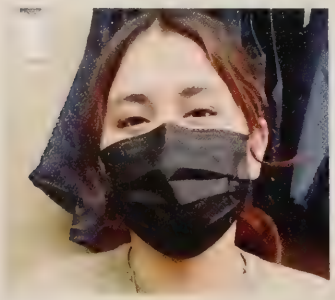
Way to go!

Lo'Myaah Fowler
Was accepted into New Jersey City University. Yeah, NJC!!!

Nehemiah Harry Frasier
Nehemiah was accepted into many colleges but, will attend Michigan State with a chemistry major.

CONGRATULATIONS Jocelyn Calderon, a junior at Plainfield High School, named Governor's STEM Scholar! Ms. Calderon will explore different aspects of New Jersey's STEM economy focusing on STEM in government, academia, & industry.

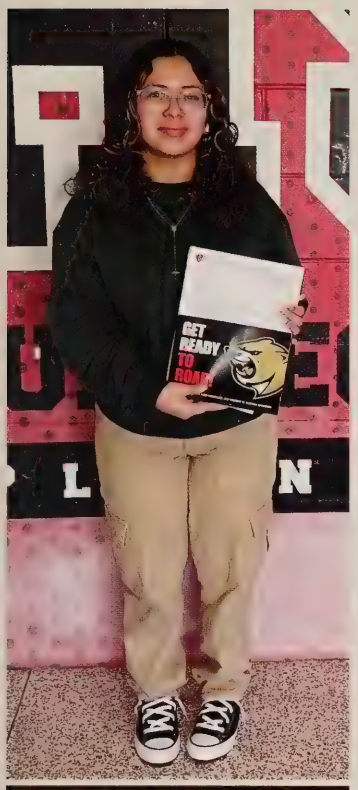
Josue Alvarenga
Accepted into Montclair State University



Vanessa Velis
Congrats for being accepted into New Jersey City University.

Mykala Brown
Congratulations Mykala Brown on your Letter of Intent with the University of Bridgeport

Go PHS Go!



Janette Rodriguez
Janette was accepted into a myriad of universities; Montclair, Kean, and Rutgers are just a few of them.

YOU ROCK!

Karen Melanie Tubon
Accepted into the following schools: Kean University, Montclair State University, Saint Peter's University!

Go PHS GO!!

Anthony Jimenez
Will attend Raritan Valley University for exercise science.

Samir Cherry

Samir Cherry was offered a full scholarship to play football in the fall at Livingstone College in North Carolina, announced Plainfield High School Football Coach James Williams. Cherry is a wide receiver, running back, and defensive back who played for the Plainfield High School Cardinals for two years, excelling in his outstanding ability to deliver plays and touchdowns at the most unexpected times.

PHS 2022-23 College Fair

Students at Plainfield High School had an amazing opportunity to meet with representatives from over 50 universities across the country. They received valuable advice on tuition, scholarships, and other crucial details to help them prepare for college. A big thank you to PH'S professional counselors for making this event possible!

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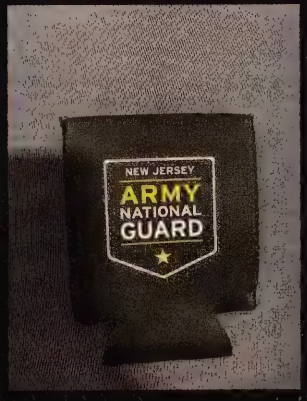

PHS ROTC

Whoa! Rad helmet

Cardinal Discipline

Cardinal Athletes

LADY CARDINALS VOLLEYBALL

GAME DAY

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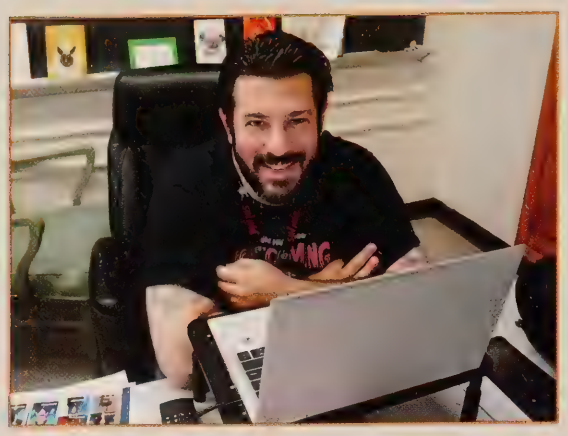
Athlete Showcase

Mighty Cardinals



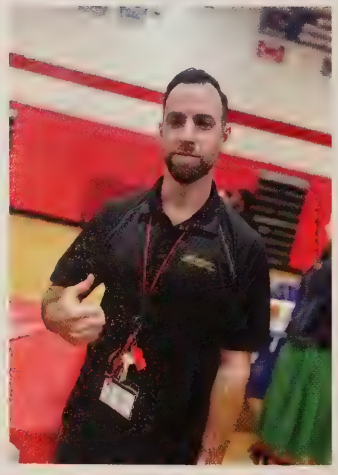
"Friendliest Teacher" Mr. Joseph Michelucci

"Most Likely to be Mistaken for a Student"
Shalini Thoniyil

"Most Lovable"- Mrs. Rosario

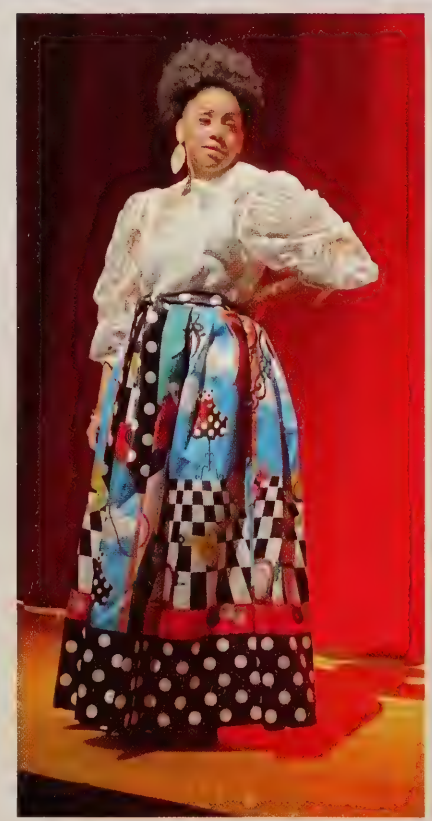
"Easiest to talk to"
Mr. Schimbeno

PHS Staff Superlatives



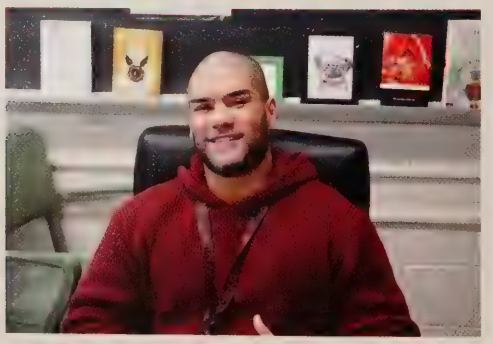
"Most Athletic" - Mr. Phillip Schaefer

Champions for Students



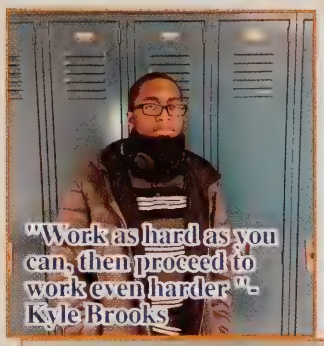
"Female Best Dressed"
Mrs. Vilbrun

"Male Best Dressed"
Mr. Caleb Williams



"Coolest Teacher" - Mr. Jose Padilla

Wise Words From Seniors



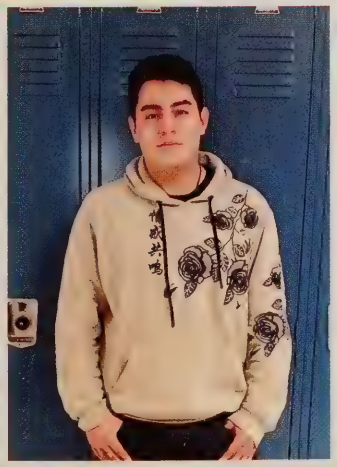
"Loneliness is peace, and peace is loneliness "- Frank Lora

PHS Cardinals

"Ignore others; do what YOU want to do."- Giovanni Salzano

"Don't Let Your Hobby Become a Job" Andre Johnson

"Don't procrastinate, it is not worth the extra stress"
- Josue Alvarenga



Ingenuity Loyalty Love The Cardinal Way

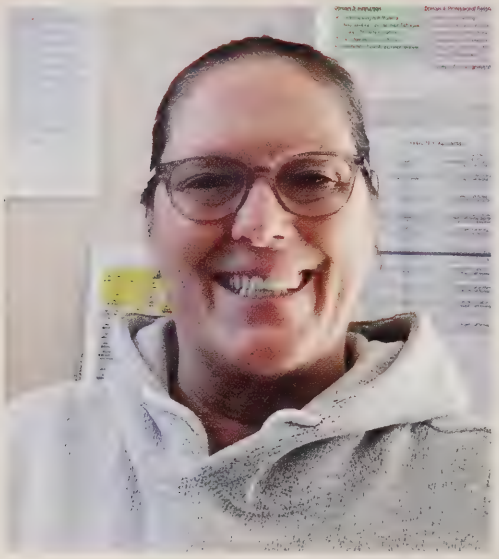
"Worry about yourself before you worry about others"- Anthony Jimenez

"Don't forget how brave you are! The strength you have! The love you deserve! The life you want! - Vanessa Rivera

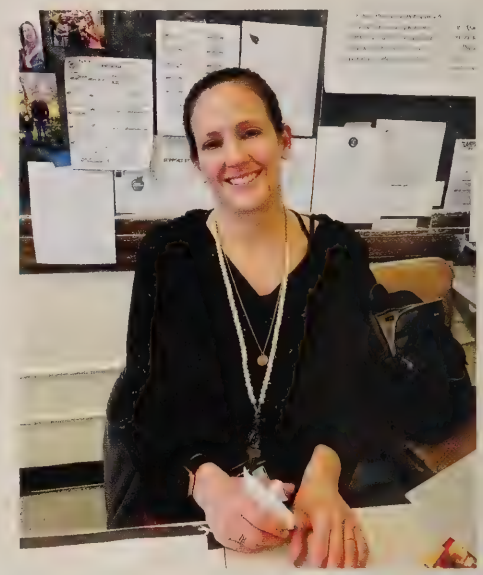
The Cardinal Way Love Loyalty Ingenuity

Wise Words from PHS Staff to Our Graduating Class of 2023

"Things aren't always going to be easy and understood, it's your ability to critically think and analyze the situation that will get you through the hardest times."- Mr. Colodne

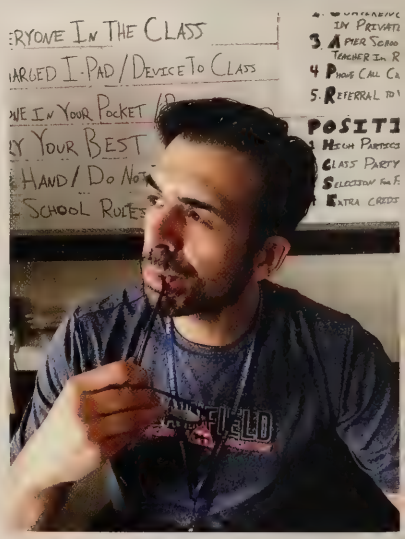


"Education is a key in ones' life, so take the Art of Life -
Enjoy, Endure, Always be positive and you will succeed!"- Coach Taffaro

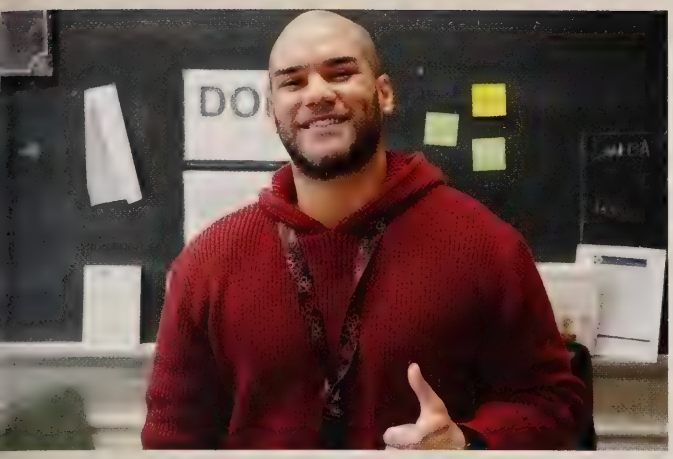


"Provide special accompaniment to those students who need it most"- Mrs. Feliciano

"Find the positive in everything and put your happiness first. Everything always works out in the end!"- Ms. Romano

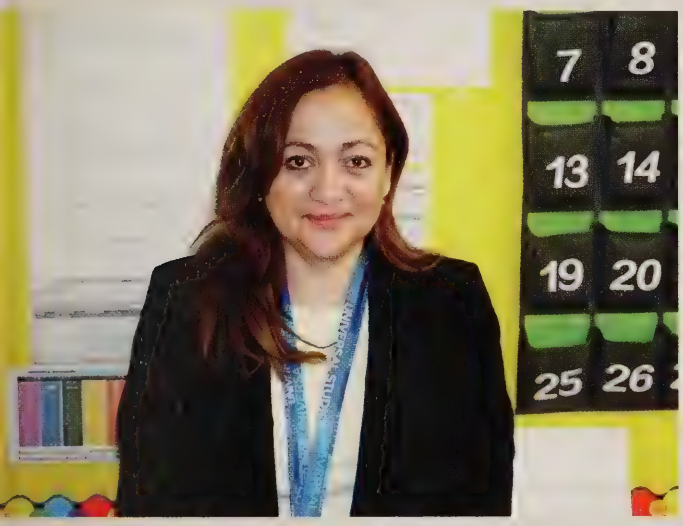


"Think about everything in your life. Now think about what is truly important. That is what you should truly value."- Mr. Louro



"Life may present challenges, but it's important to remember that adversity can lead to growth. Like a diamond formed under pressure, you too can emerge stronger after weathering the storm" - Mr. Padilla

"There is no revenge on the road of life you just keep moving forward and every now and then you try to catch a little neutral." - Mr. Schaefer

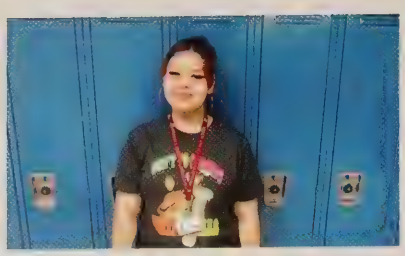


" Think of what your future self would think about your present actions, and act accordingly." - Mrs. Spinelli

"Listen to your instincts and trust your gut. Your gut will never fail you" - Mrs. Charles

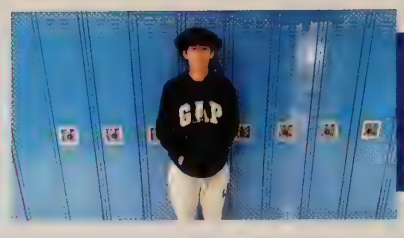
"Do not give up on your goals; failures are part of the journey. You will get there if you never give up." - Mrs. Moysam

"Always believe in you when no one else does. Don't let anyone else tell you you can't." - Mrs. Brooks



JANIYA CRESPO

"I wanna attend college and become a musician"



ALESSANDRO SIPAQUE

"I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND COLLEGE AND BECOME A PHYSICAL THERAPIST

What Would You Like To Do

HVAC

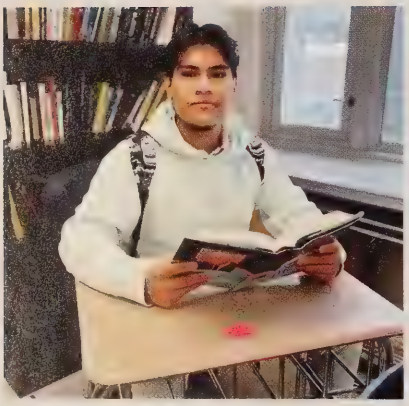
"I have goals of becoming an HVAC technician and starting my own business."

< Jaden McIver

"I plan to get drafted into the NFL or become a vet if that doesn't work out."

Emmanuel Babayemi >

"I will pursue a career in Computer Science and cybersecurity."

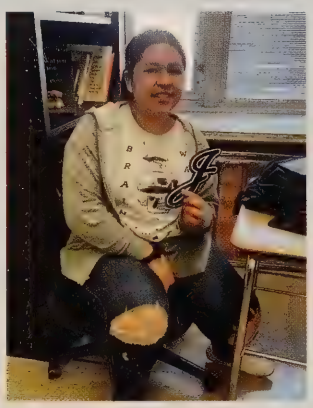


Jefferson Chuga

" I will pursue a Mechanical Engineering career."

Janai Robinson

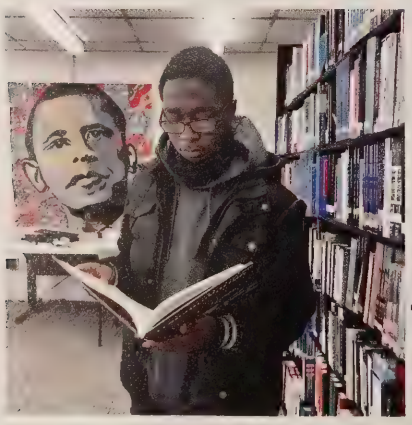
"Helping people is something I love, thus I am going to become an RN and help those in need."

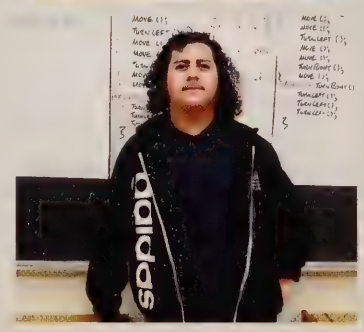


Vanessa Rivera

Psychology degree

"I want to attend college and pursue a psychology degree."





Jonathan Adu-tei

"I would like to become a High School Math Teacher"

Jonathan Romero

"I want to become an entrepreneur and start my own business."

Kimy Solis

"I am going to pursue a career as a Veterinarian. I have a passion for animals."

Fernando Rodriguez

"I want to attend college to obtain a psychology degree."

ANDRE JOHNSON

"I will become a video game developer and create some of the most amazing games in history."

GUALTER ALVEREZ

"I would like to go into real estate."

After You Graduate?

Jahrell Jemerson

"After I graduate, I plan on taking on acting and becoming an Actor."

Bryan Mejia

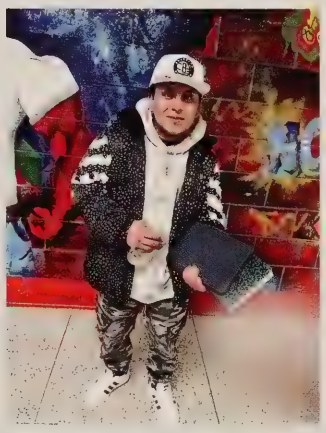
"I am going to become New Jersey's greatest rock star. Just you wait and see. Music is my passion and I know it will work out in the end."

Johnathan Romero

"I am going pursue a degree in computer science and become a Programmer."

David Broadway

"I'm going to college to pursue a degree in Engineering."



Lenin Rodas

"I admire doctors for their dedication toward helping others. I will pursue a degree in the medical field to help others as well."

Miguel Tum Mejia

"Pursue a degree in physics and eventually teach at a university."

Dorcas Tum Mejia

"I love animals. I am going to dedicate myself to becoming a Veterinarian."

Byron Calderon

"I want to attend college for Computer Engineering and start my own tech company"

Johnathan Marte

"I want to attend trade school for Mechanical Engineering"

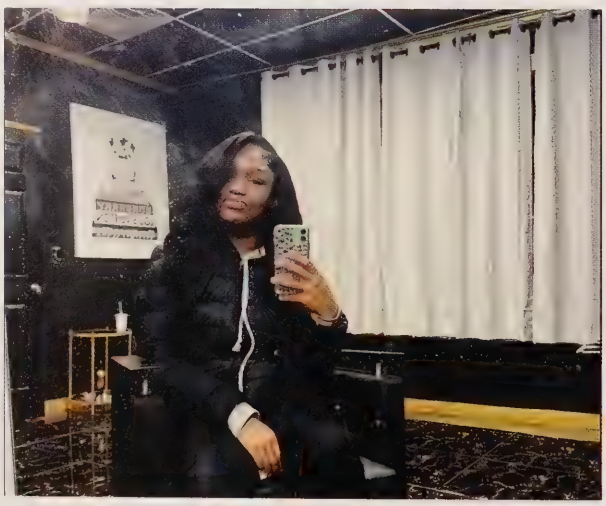
Senior Superlatives

"Most Likely to Join the Military"
Josue Alvarenga

"Friendliest Person"
Michael Searchwell

"Cutest Couple"
Kanye Brown & Jenifer Montepeque

Class of



"Best Dancer"
Janai Robinson

"Best Dressed"
David Broadway

Senior Superlatives

"Best Friends"
Joanna Sic, Janette Rodriguez,
Jaquelin Ixpatac

"Most Likely to Win an Oscars"
Deja English

2023

"Best Siblings"
Janette Rodriguez,
Danny Ramos

"Most Dependable"
Frank Lora

"Best Dressed"
Kaelyn Bethea

Senior Superlatives Senior Superlatives

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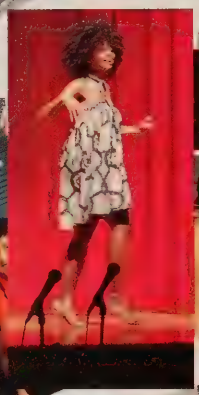
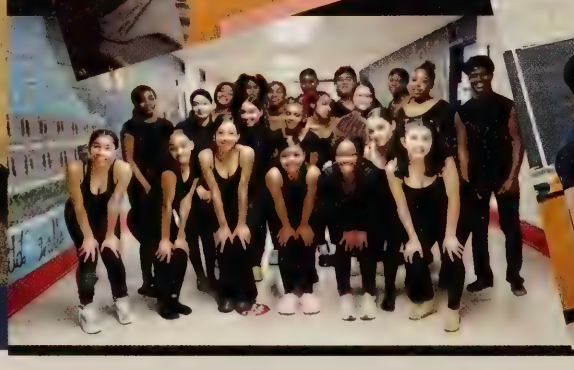
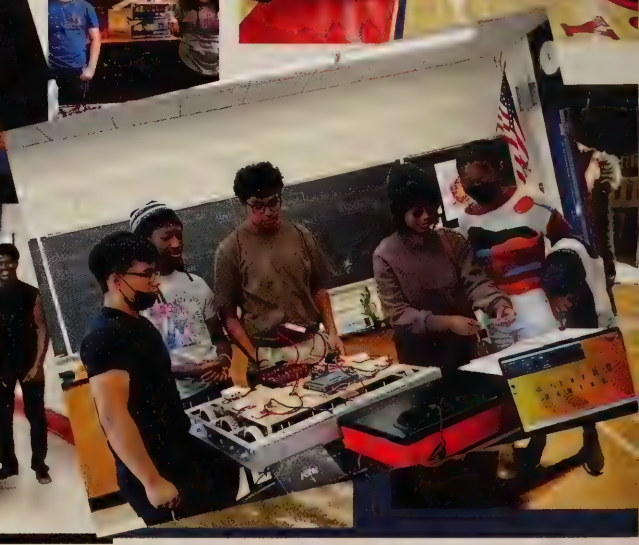
Senior Memories 2023

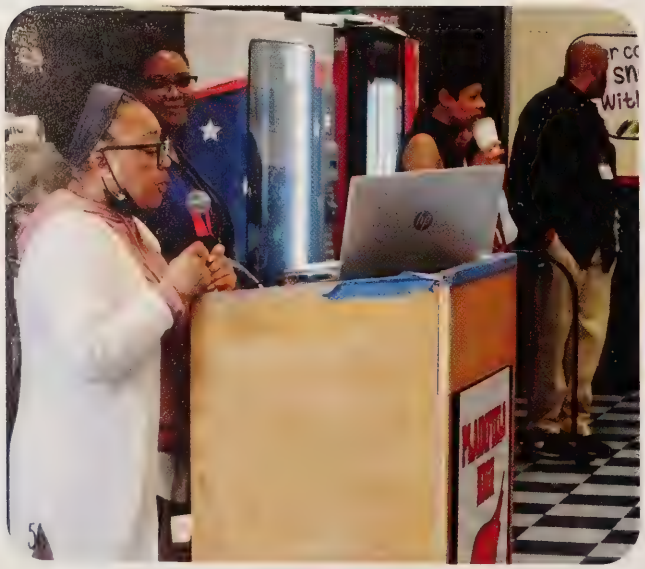






CARDINAL BAND
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



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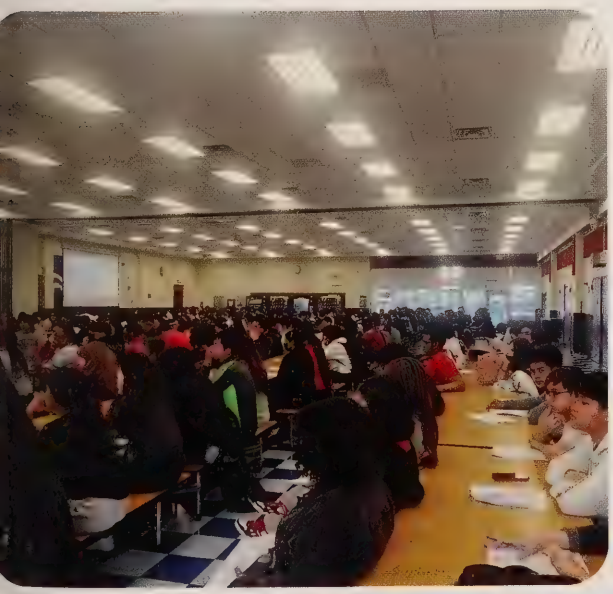
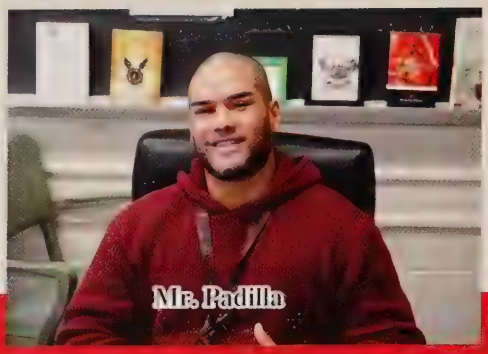
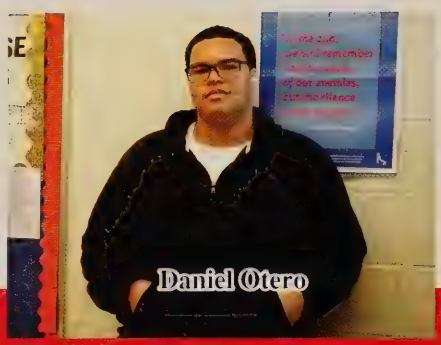
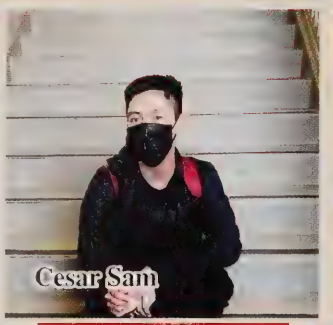



Mr. Padilla


Daniel Otero

Emannuel Babayemi

Dorcas Tum

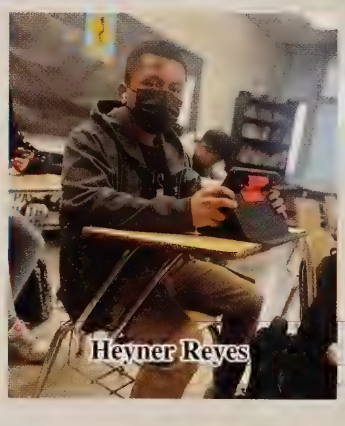

Cesar Sam

Oscar Perez

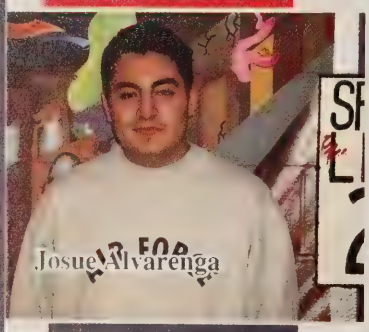
Migueld Tum

Andre Johnson

Walter Poalacin


Heyner Reyes

Jennifer Sic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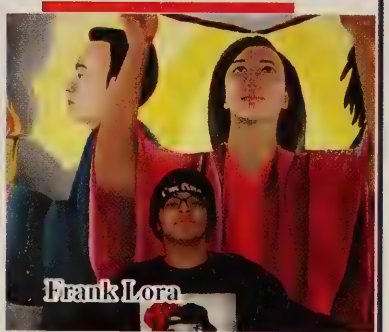
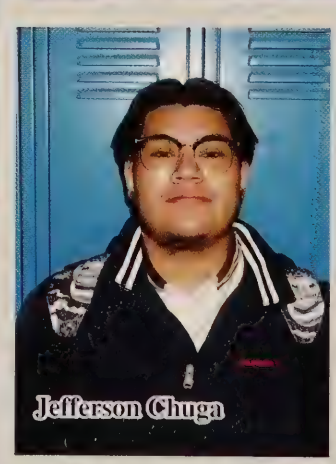
Alexis Duran

Vanessa Rivera

Emily Nunez


Frank Lora


Jefferson Chuga

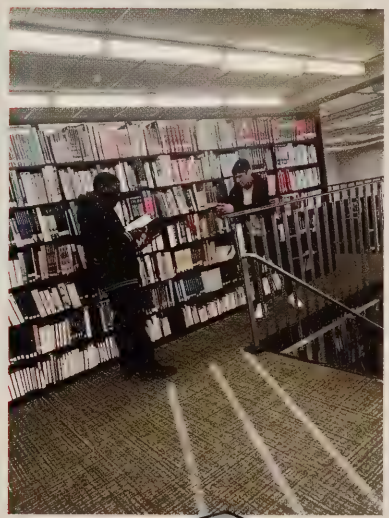
Marvin Ayala

Kyle Brooks

Cynthia Menjivar

Yearbook Staff

Thank you to the dedicated and talented PHS Yearbook staff for making this yearbook a reality. Your tireless efforts and creativity have captured the spirit of our school and created a timeless keepsake that will be cherished for generations to come. We are grateful for your hard work and commitment to excellence.



CARDINAL FOOTBALL

Head Coach: James William

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4	Anderson, Hassan
5	Evans, Zahmir
6	Wyatt, Yassir
7	Griffin, Kendall
8	Watkins, Ala-meen
9	Bethune, Al-Khabir
10	Castro, Jaden
11	Cordoba, Joel
12	Lowery, Kamai
15	Avril, Armando
17	Emilie, Jordan
18	Beverley, Dayyan
19	Dempaire, Bryson
20	Burnett, Michael
21	Batres, Michael
22	Brown, Kayne
23	Davis, Gerraud
24	Sparrow, Jordan
25	Hutcheson, Josiah
26	Clark, Devan
27	Kirkland, Keiwan
28	Dudley, Amod
30	Thiaw, Moussa
32	Howell, Samih
33	Brown, Eatoniel

MIGHTY, MIGHTY CARDINALS

CARDINAL WRESTLING POINT!!!

Team

Michael Batres
James Bonifaz
Brandon Bright
David Broadway
Eatoniel Brown
Tahrae Brown
Alijah Burnett
Michael Burnett
Jaden Castro
Josue Cordoba
Steven Cruz
Gerraud Davis
Christopher Diaz
Zahmir Evans
Kendal Griffin
Josiah Hutcheson
Jayden McIver
Emilio Metz
Miguel Niveves
Moussa Thiaw

LADY CARDINAL BASKETBALL

SWOOOOOSHH

Players

ANGELINA ALMONTE #35

ABRIA DURHAM#15

DEJAh ENGLISH PLATT #3

NADIRAH EVANS #5

IMANI MULLINGS #11

KYMANI MURKEY #20

MA'ZIYAH RICHARDS #2

RUTH ROBERTS #50

HASZAH WARD #12

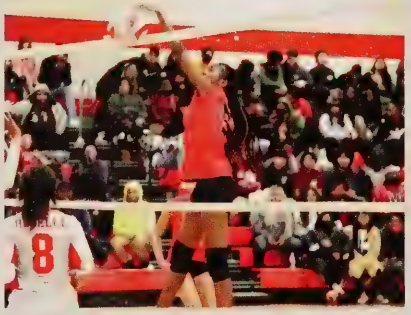
JAYDA WILKS #13

LADY CARDINAL SOCCER

Way to go ladies!

GOAAAAAL

LADY CARDINAL VOLLEYBALL



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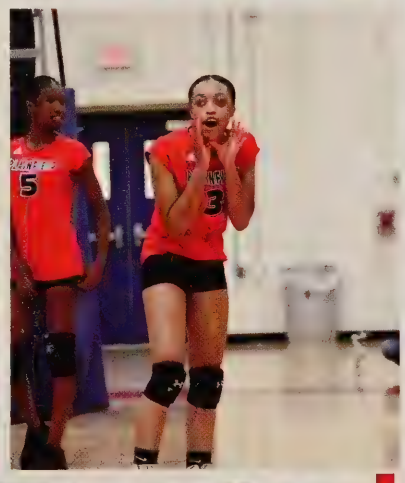


CARDINAL VARSITY SOCCER

GOOOOOOAAL

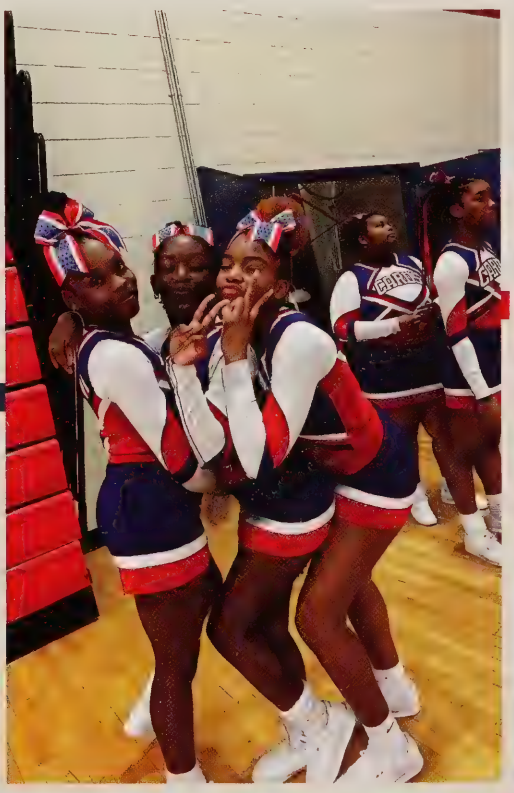
Players

Manuel Che
Kennen Acevedo
Fernando
Rodriguez Carlos
Palacios
Anthony Jimenez
Gianluca Sipaque
Elio Marroquin
Jose Ventura
Joel Valdez
Jefferson Rodas
Jacob Paredes
Jefferson Acetun
Gary Canas
Denis Osorio
Christian
Martinez Jeremy
Caceres
Omar Nataren
Alessandro
Sipaque
Ugochukwu
Uzoechina
Joseph Martinez
Daniel Lopez

CARDINAL CHEERLEADERS

GOOOOOO PLAINFIELD!!

Alyssa Solivan
Bree-Ana Webby
Jay-Lynn Pennington
Jayla Mitchell
Torie Ball
Laila Slater Halsey
Brianna Clark
Victoria Boima
Elisha Jackson
Saniyah Tucker
Mariah Jackson
Amber Marino
Alexis Mitchell
Jazlynn Robinson



LADY CARDINAL JV BASKETBALL

BALL UP GIRLS

Team

Gabrielle Lilly

Takara Jone

ReNee Reid

Ashley Jimenez

Neroline Gonzalez-Garcia

Kourtney Bagley

Ka'Ney Brown

Ce'Niya (CeCe) Enoex-Knight

Ka'Zhae Casey

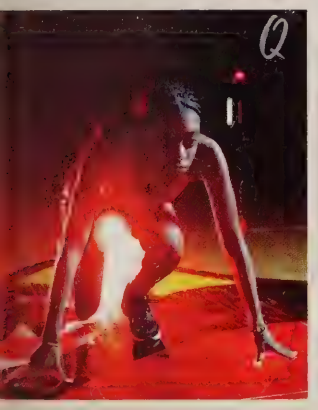
Sarah Nadar - Coc

Brittany Lubintus

THAT HALF TIME SCORE THO! LET'S GO JV !!!

LADY CARDINAL TRACK

ZOOOOOOM LADIES!



CARDINAL BASEBALL GRAND SLAM!

Team

Head Coach: Sean Radu

Andrew Cabrera
Ed Ramirez
Evan La'quer-Egerton
John Inoa
Ben La Paz
Martin Delgado
Steven Francisco
Jared Knight
Nasir Powell
Mekhi Richards
Laron Williams
Janbert Mariana
Javier Morel Junior
Josue Martinez
Frank Lora
Handel Alcantara
Dinelson Dominguez
Radeek Lewis
O'Darren Drakeford
Miguel Guardado
Anthony Aybar

CARDINAL VOLLEYBALL

GOOOO TEAM

Roster

Head Coach: Schaefer

4 Jefry Carvajal
5 John Acosta
6 Axcel Vasquez
7 Kristopher Veliz
8 John Messam
9 Keiner Marrugo
10 Michael Searchwell
11 Emmanuel Babayemi
12 Sebastian Calispa
13 Fernando Rodriguez
14 Jahmir Chandler
15 Samir Conte
18 John Marte
30 Bryan Carrillo

CARDINAL SOFTBALL

GRAND SLAM!

CARDINAL TRACK RUNNNN

CARDINAL SWIM TEAM

SPLASHH

GO TEAM

PHS CLUBS

JOURNALISM CLUB

ALLIED HEALTH

9TH GRADE COUNCIL

ENRICHING STUDENT ACADEMICS

DECA CLUB

AFRICAN AMERICAN CLUB

SEWING CLUB

PHS CLUBS

L.A.S.O. CLUB

ANIME CLUB

10TH GRADE COUNCIL

ENRICHING STUDENT ACADEMICS

DRAMA CLUB

LIBRARY CLUB

CHORUS

PHS CLUBS

SPANISH HONORS SOCIETY

E-SPORTS CLUB

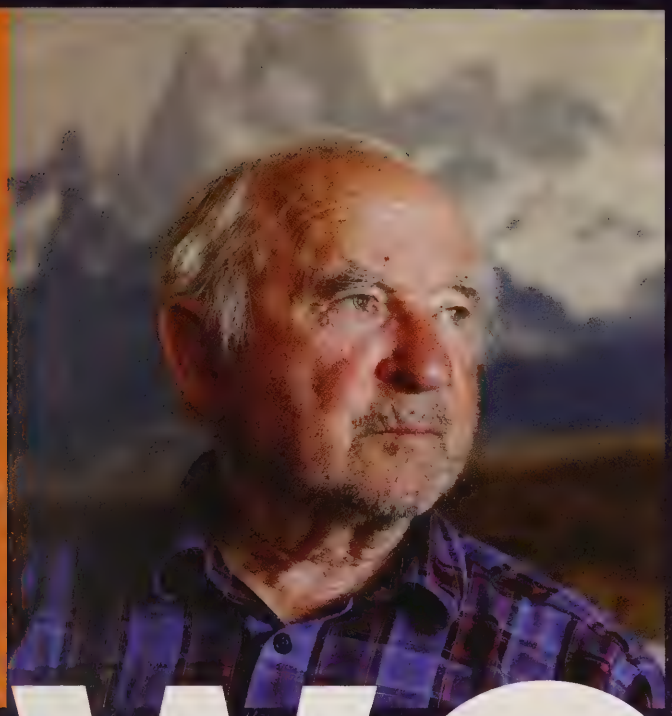
11TH GRADE COUNCIL

ENRICHING STUDENT ACADEMICS

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

JAZZ CLUB

S.T.E.M. CLUB



2022 WORLD BEAT 2023

THIS YEAR'S TOP STORIES IN

HEADLINE NEWS
SPORTS
ENTERTAINMENT
TECH & TRENDS

STORY OF THE YEAR

WAR IN UKRAINE

More than seven months after Russia invaded Ukraine, just days after Russia annexed parts of eastern and southern Ukraine, a blast attributed to Ukraine destroyed sections of a bridge connecting Russia to Crimea. In retaliation, Moscow missiles assaulted civilians in the heart of Kyiv and almost a dozen other cities, as the war in Ukraine raged on.

The war created shock waves that impacted the U.S. economy with fuel and grain shortages, increasing inflation and decreasing economic growth. U.S. tensions with Russia mounted as the U.S. imposed sanctions on Russia and the Chinese-Russian alliance solidified.

HEADLINES

POLICING POLIO

After polio paralyzed an unvaccinated New York man and the polio virus was discovered in wastewater in three counties, Kathy Hochul, New York governor, declared a state of emergency on September 9, 2022, to urge vaccinations. Once thought to be eliminated from the United States, the virus can cause paralysis and even death. The threat of polio followed a recent outbreak of the mpox virus.

FRIEND OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Patagonia, the outdoor gear company, captured attention in September 2022 when the company's founder and owner, Yvon Chouinard, transferred ownership of his family business to a trust and nonprofit dedicated to saving the planet. Chouinard's move will likely bring $100 million a year to combating climate change and preserving the planet.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

After reigning 70 years as England's longest-serving monarch, Queen Elizabeth II died, leaving her son Prince Charles, age 73, to be king. Elizabeth became queen at age 25 and was crowned at age 27 in 1952. Her reign encompassed the leadership of 15 British prime ministers and decades of change, including England's transition from empire to commonwealth, the Cold War, and Britain joining – then exiting – the European Union.

SERVING THE COURT

On June 29, 2022, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, age 51, was sworn in as the first African American woman appointed to the Supreme Court in the 232 years since it was established. Serving as the 116th justice on the court, the Harvard College and Harvard Law School graduate was recognized for her knowledge of criminal law.

RELAXED REGULATIONS

In August 2022, after more than one million COVID-19 related deaths and two years of COVID-19 guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, many schools and businesses ended contact tracing and stopped requiring unvaccinated people exposed to the virus to quarantine.

TAKEN BY STORM

Hurricane Ian buffeted Fort Myers, Florida on September 28, 2022, with torrential 150-mph winds and rain that destroyed homes and businesses across the state. The rare Category 4 hurricane and its storm surge took more than 100 lives, resulting in an estimated $57 billion in losses.

GEN Z VOTES

Gen Z showed up in the second-highest youth turnout rate for a midterm election in the last 30 years. Exit polls revealed that 27% of Americans ages 18–29 cast a ballot. Two-thirds of young voters voted for Democrats for the House of Representatives, compared to the majority of 45- to 65-year-olds, who voted Republican. 2022 was the first time Gen Z could run for Congress and Maxwell Frost, 25, was the first Gen Zer elected as House Representative.

HEADLINES

QUIET QUITTING

More than two years after COVID-19 brought the world workforce to a halt, a growing number of Americans bristled at spending time at unsatisfying jobs. Dubbed "The Great Resignation," workers quit jobs in unprecedented numbers, with 4.2 million quitting in July 2022 alone. Even professions like teaching saw increased departures. By September, a poll showed that 33% of workers were contemplating leaving their jobs, while 60% were rethinking their careers. Others, especially Gen Zers, joined the TikTok trend, #quietquitting, by refusing to go above and beyond or subscribe to a hustle culture.

WALK IT OUT

Through a study of more than 6,000 adults, Vanderbilt University discovered that walking at least 8,200 steps a day lowered obesity, depression and sleep apnea. Walking also lowered the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, dementia and death from cancer and heart disease. A speed of just under three miles per hour increased these benefits, and 11,000 steps a day was linked to reducing obesity.

THE SHOE DROPS

Adidas dissolved its partnership with Kanye West and his sneaker brand, Yeezys, after the superstar, who changed his name to Ye, made repeated anti-Semitic and anti-Black statements publicly in October 2022. Yeezys, which cost between $160 and $300, were renowned for breaking into the Nike Air Jordan–dominated footwear sector, driving it to become a multi-billion dollar industry.

A NEW KIND OF PROTEST

Edvard Munch's famous painting *The Scream* found a new reason to scream in November 2022, when a group of Norwegian climate protesters attempted to glue themselves to the iconic work. The attack became the fifth in a series of filmed staged assaults on museum masterpieces, including throwing soup and mashed potatoes at works by Van Gogh and Picasso in museums in London, Germany, Italy and Australia.

FLY ME TO THE MOON

NASA's Artemis 1 Orion spacecraft returned to Earth on December 11, 2022, having traveled more than 1.4 million miles on a path around the moon. During the record-breaking flight test on December 28, 2022, Orion set a new record of 270,000 miles for the farthest distance from Earth a spacecraft designed to carry humans has ever traveled.

A FIRST FOR FEMALES

The United States Mint released its first five quarters to honor women as part of a four-year American Women Quarters series. The Secretary of the Treasury selected five trailblazers from recommendations submitted by the public through the National Women's History Museum. The first five selected were Maya Angelou, Dr. Sally Ride, Wilma Mankiller, Nina Otero-Warren and Anna Mae Wong. The program aimed to honor notable women from diverse backgrounds on the flip side of quarters and feature a likeness of George Washington different from his image used in previous quarter programs.

SPORTS

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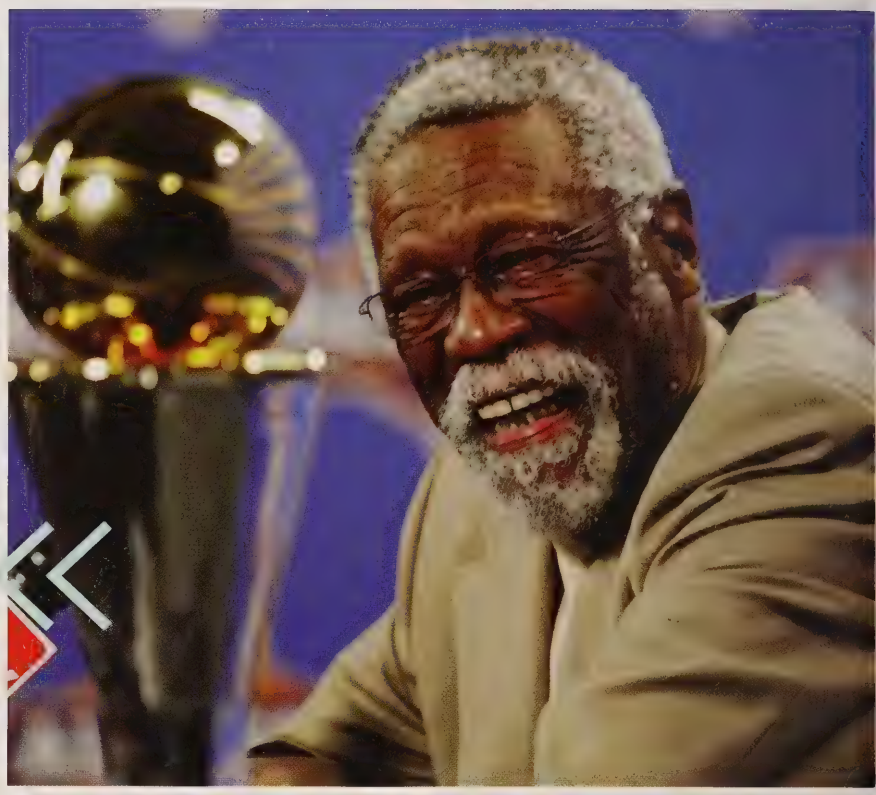
On August 11, 2022, just ten days after Bill Russell's death, the National Basketball Association (NBA) announced the retirement of the No. 6 jersey across the league – just the third player behind Jackie Robinson (baseball) and Wayne Gretzky (hockey) to be honored league wide. Standing 6'10" tall, Bill Russell sported the No. 6 as he drove the Boston Celtics to NBA history starting in 1959, with an unprecedented nine NBA championships as a player and two as the first African American head coach in any major American sports league.



Aces on the Board

The Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) season wrapped up its championship finals with the Las Vegas Aces winning their first-ever title against the Connecticut Sun. Chelsea Gray was named MVP of the finals, with an average 18.3 points, shooting 58% from the field.

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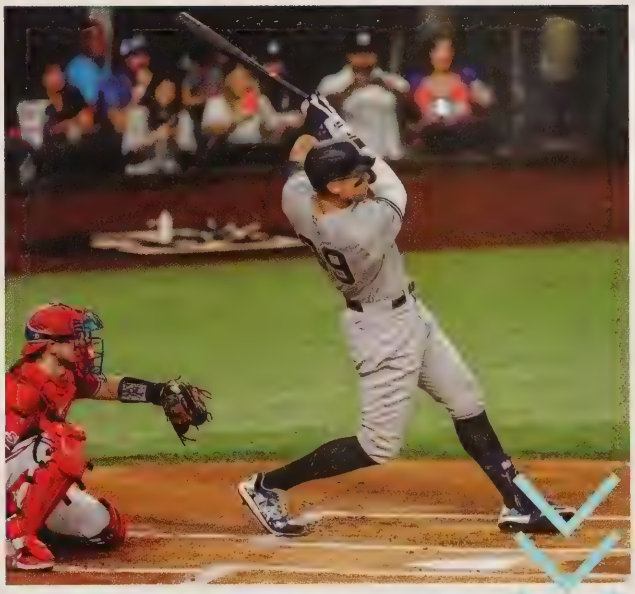
LIV GOES LIV!

LEGENDS LEAVE

2022 saw the retirement of two legendary women's basketball players. Sylvia Fowles, 36, played for 15 seasons, won four Olympic gold medals and earned two Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) titles with the Minnesota Lynx. Sue Bird, 41, played for 20 seasons in 500 career games with the Seattle Storm, won four championships in three different decades, appeared in a record 12 All-Star games and earned five Olympic gold medals.



JUDGE MAKES RECORD

New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge made history on October 4 with his 62nd home run of the season against the Texas Rangers. The new American League record, previously held by Roger Maris for 61 years, was only exceeded by Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

SPORTS

GOOD TO HAVE GOALS

SERENA MOVES ON

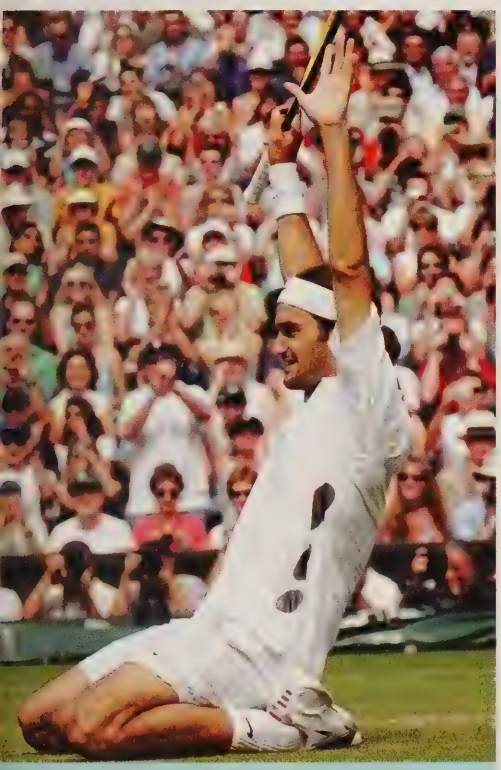
Serena Williams announced her retirement from tennis in a *Vogue* magazine cover story. Williams won 23 Grand Slam singles titles and was ranked the No. 1 player in the world for 319 weeks during her 23-year career. At 40, Williams turned her full attention to her family and other career ventures.

DAMAR HAMLIN

Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin suffered a cardiac arrest following a routine tackle in a game against the Cincinnati Bengals. Hamlin's heartbeat was restored on the field before he was transferred to a hospital and discharged nine days later. This was the first game in NFL history to be suspended due to an injury.

PICKLEBALL FANS

The fastest-growing leisure sport in America, pickleball proudly boasted 4.8 million players, called "picklers," who took to the courts in 2022 with plastic Wiffle-style balls and paddles to play singles or doubles. The sport found favor first among older Americans but recently skyrocketed in popularity among the under-24 crowd. Played standing or in a wheelchair, pickleball is highly accessible, with more than 38,000 venues and an app (Pickleball+) to locate indoor and outdoor courts.



MATCH POINT

TWO TIMES

The Houston Astros celebrated wildly when they beat the Philadelphia Phillies and clinched their second World Series title since 2017. The Phillies were up two games to one in the series, but the Astros surged ahead with three straight wins and took game six – and the title – with a four-to-one victory on their home field.

GOOOOAAAALLS!

The two top-seeded Major League Soccer (MLS) clubs went toe to toe in the MLS championship game on November 5, and two late goals scored in the final minutes of extra time resulted in a penalty-kick showdown. The Los Angeles Football club (LAFC) beat the Philadelphia Union after a 3–3 draw. Adding to the drama, goalkeeper John McCarthy, playing against his former team, shut out the Union in a 3–0 penalty kick shootout.

ENTERTAINMENT

FLUTE AND FLOURISH

In October 2022, hip hop artist and classically trained flutist Lizzo accepted a Library of Congress invitation to perform at her Washington, D.C. concert with a 200-year-old crystal flute. The rare instrument belonged to James Madison, the fourth President of the United States, had survived a devastating fire and had never been played.

FAN FLURRY

A September 2022 sneak peek of Disney's live-action adaptation of *The Little Mermaid*, originally a 1989 animated movie, brought a flurry of reactions about Halle Bailey starring as Ariel, the lead character. The trailer was viewed more than 100 million times in the first week, as Bailey, an African American actress and R&B singer, inspired the social media hashtag #representationmatters.

FIND YOUR VOICE

After 12 years and 22 seasons of *The Voice*, original judge Blake Shelton announced that season 23 would be his last. John Legend announced that he would be taking the season off to focus on family, his new album and touring. With Gwen Stefani and Camila Cabello stepping aside, Kelly Clarkson would be returning with new judges Niall Horan and Chance the Rapper, alongside Shelton for his final season in 2023.

BLACK PANTHER FOREVER

Letitia Wright filled big shoes as the new superhero to the sequel of the 2018 smash Marvel film starring Chadwick Boseman as T'Challa, the King of Wakanda. The *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* storyline follows T'Challa's little sister, Shuri, played by Wright, as she matures into the hero doing battle with the ancient ruler and villain Namor, played by Tenoch Huerta. *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* reeled in a record-breaking $180 million on its opening weekend in November 2022.

KPOP? OKAY!

With the success of bands like BTS and TWICE, it was only a matter of time before K-Pop made Broadway. The South Korean cultural phenomenon hit the stage in *KPOP*, a musical featuring a girl band, RTMIS, and a boy band, FB. The documentary-style story with flashbacks showed the sacrifices performers make to achieve stardom.

NOT-SO-SWIFT SALES

Taylor Swift's 10th album, *Midnights*, debuted to record-breaking sales. Swift continued to be the top American Music Awards winner, adding six awards to bring her total to 40, but it was "The Eras Tour" ticket sales that rocked headlines. In November 2022, Ticketmaster opened up sales with presale codes and a waitlist for Swifties not lucky enough to score a code, but the system crashed with 3.5 billion requests, and public ticket sales were canceled.

TECH & TRENDS

ENCHANTED BY *ENCANTO*

Disney released *Encanto* in 2021, but echoes of the movie featuring the Madrigals, a Colombian family, swelled in 2022. "We Don't Talk About Bruno" spent three months on Billboard's Hot 100 list and officially became the biggest Disney song of all time. The animated movie was celebrated for representing Latin family and community values authentically and positively.

TWEET DEAL

Elon Musk, chief executive officer of SpaceX and Tesla, became the new owner of Twitter in October, almost six months after he first offered $44 billion to take control of the social media site. After firing Twitter's chief executive and chief financial officer and hundreds of employees, Musk made the company private and loosened the platform's content moderation in pursuit of publishing "widely diverse viewpoints."

IT'S A WRAP(AROUND)

Wraparound sunglasses, the formerly mocked eyewear, made a resurgence after Kim Kardashian posted photos of herself in the curved lenses on her Instagram. The Balenciaga Swift Oval shades that Kardashian wore to the Vanity Fair Oscars after-party cost $490, but look-alikes were available online for less than $13.

HARRY'S HOUSE

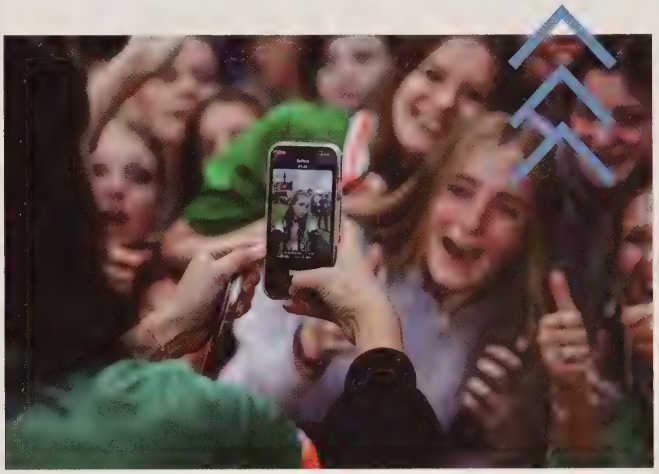
Harry's House was the title of Harry Styles' album, released in May 2022, but it also became the nickname for Madison Square Garden after the singer performed 15 shows for his "Love On Tour" residency in New York City. The tour went global as his single "As It Was" reached number one on Billboard charts. Fans of Styles, known as Stylers, paid between $110 and $384 for tickets to see the former One Direction singer perform live.

988 FOR LIFE

A blitz of posters, stickers and social media morphed 988 into a lifeline for more than 152,000 callers in August 2022, just a few weeks after the number was activated. The emergency mental health support line, which also offered support via texting, averaged 45-second response times, almost two minutes faster than the previous number, 1-800-273-8255.

TIME TO BeREAL

The trendiest app of the year set out to counter social media norms of edited, perfect posts and social comparisons. BeReal challenged users to snap a real-time photo (using front and back-facing cameras) and post it unedited when prompted by a random daily push notification. Users had two minutes to post whatever they were doing in real time. If they missed the time, their post was marked "late" to keep the post honest.



CRASH TEST

It was a real-life climactic scene straight out of an apocalyptic movie. On September 26, 2022, NASA purposely crashed a spacecraft into an asteroid to change its trajectory and test a defense against potential cosmic collisions with Earth. They planned to consult photos from the Hubble and Webb Telescopes to chart the trajectory over time.

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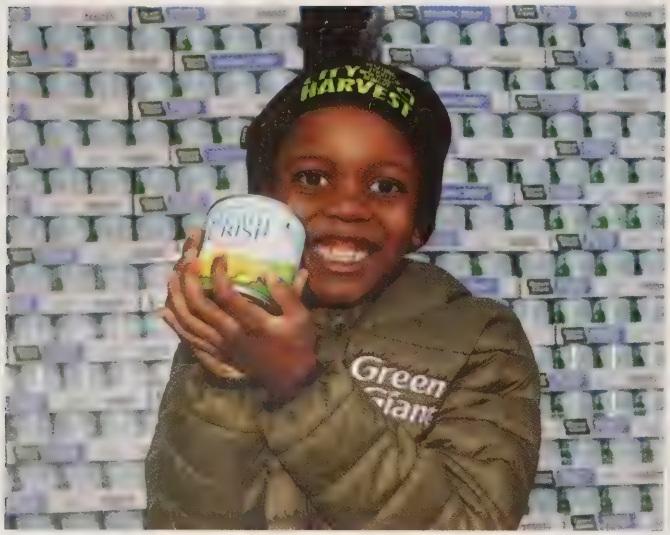
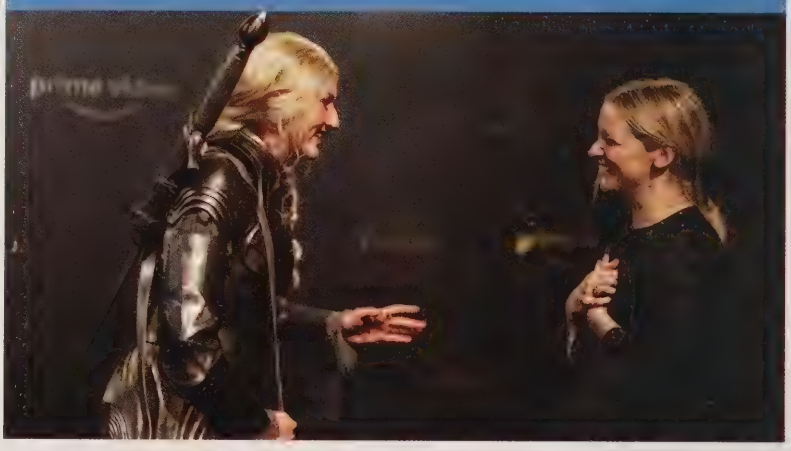


CORNTASTIC

A 7-year-old New York City child went viral on TikTok and Instagram in late August 2022 when asked his thoughts about corn. "It's corn!" Tariq exclaimed. "I can't imagine a more beautiful thing!" His wholesome words blossomed into the anthem of the summer when they were autotuned into a catchy song on YouTube. The fall saw Tariq partnering with Green Giant to donate 90,000 cans of vegetables, as well as appearing in a Chipotle ad.

HOPE IS NEVER MERE

Blockbuster prequel series *The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power* (Prime Video) had fans excited to see empowered and heroic female characters at the center of the story. *The Rings of Power* is set thousands of years before the events of J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy with Frodo and Bilbo.



CELEBRITY CAMEO

The Cameo app connected celebrities with its users to create personalized video messages for any occasion. Users browsed thousands of stars ranging in price from $1 up to $2,000 based on popular demand – with some donating funds to charitable causes. Featured celebrities included Olympic gymnast Gabby Douglas, actress Lindsay Lohan and boxer Floyd Mayweather.

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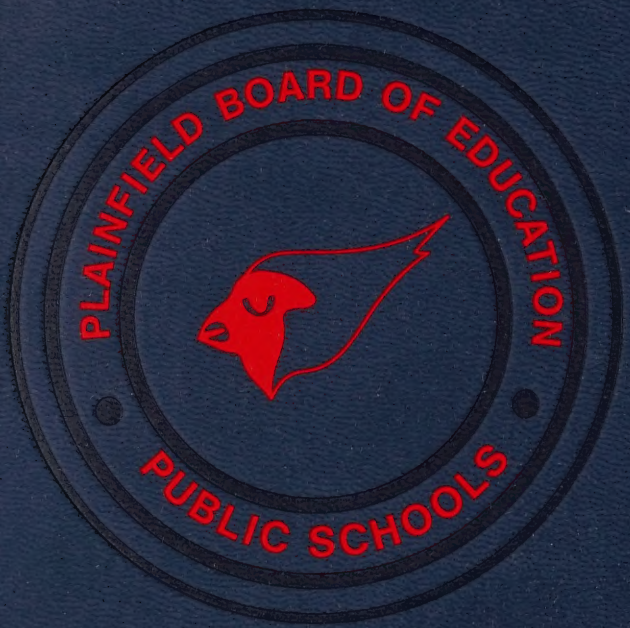
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